

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 6/24/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10,13,14,18-20 and 22-27; now the claims have been renumbered and become 1-12, respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 6/24/04 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


PHIRIN SAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for claim re-numbering:

Based on the Amendment filed on 6/24/2004, the **Applicants canceled claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-17 and 21**; therefore, **claims 10, 13, 14, 18-20 and 22-27** have been renumbered and become **1-12**, respectively.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a) **Claim 1** (after renumbering) is allowed because the prior art fails to teach a combination, other claim limitations, a system to optimize resource planning for asynchronous digital subscriber line (ADSL) services comprising:

managing deterministic resource configuration variables that are used to create permanent virtual circuits (PVCs) on the ADSL;

a network management system (NMS) uses the deterministic configuration variables to reanimate hung PVCs; and

the NMS cooperates with an element management system (EMS) to communicate information indicative of the hung PVCs to ADSL network components such that the ADSL network components can reanimate the hung PVCs, the NMS calculating the deterministic variables using the computing application to ascertain the connection positions of the PVC on the ADSL network components.

b) **Claims 2 and 3** (after renumbering) are allowed because the prior art fails to teach a combination, other claim limitations, a method to optimize resource of ADSL network providing ADSL services comprising:

storing deterministic configuration variables used in the provisioning of resources on an ADSL network by providing a computing application to operate on a network management system, the computing application:

creating, managing, and communication deterministic configuration variables to cooperating ADSL network components for the provisioning of resources; and

calculating a virtual circuit identifier (VCI) value, the VCI value being calculated using a plurality of ADSL component configuration data comprising any of connection position information, port information, and sequence position information.

c) **Claims 4 and 5** (after renumbering) are allowed because the prior art fails to teach a combination, other claim limitations, a method to provision resources on the ADSL network comprising the steps of:

calculating deterministic configuration variables by a network management system (NMS), by determining at least one remote access multiplexer (RAM) and at least one central office digital subscriber line access multiplexer (CO DSLAM) configuration values for inclusion in providing the deterministic configuration variables; and

communicating the calculated deterministic configuration variables to the ADSL network by the NMS using the EMS, the EMS being communicatively coupled to the RAM and CO DSLAM.

d) **Claim 6** (after renumbering) is allowed because the prior art fails to teach a combination, other claim limitations, a method to provision resources on the ADSL network comprising the steps of:

calculating deterministic configuration variables by a network management system (NMS), by determining the capacity of at least one remote access multiplexer (RAM) and at least one central office digital subscriber line access multiplexer (CO DSLAM) to ascertain the range of values for the deterministic configuration values for communication by the NMS, and choosing a formula associated with the determined capacity for use in calculating the deterministic configuration values; and

communicating the calculated deterministic configuration variables to the ADSL network by the NMS using the EMS, the EMS being communicatively coupled to the RAM and CO DSLAM.

e) **Claims 7-12** (after renumbering) are allowed because the prior art fails to teach a combination, other claim limitations, a method of assigning virtual circuit identifier (VCI) values to a subscriber comprising the steps of:

assigning a sequence number, n , to a remote access multiplexer (RAM), the sequence number being based on a digital subscriber line access multiplexer input port position to which the RAM is connected;

assigning a position number, $Mpos$, to the RAM, the position number being in a range beginning with the number zero, the position number being based on a RAM input port to which a subscriber is connected;

determining the number of ports, P , on the RAM;

computing the value of $(P * (n-1)) + Mpos$; and

assigning a VCI value for the subscriber based on the computed value.

Examiner Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Anthony T Ton** whose telephone number is **571-272-3076**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Ken Vanderpuye** can be reached on **571-272-3078**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-3076**.

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